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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ON R& D IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product spent each year by the Government for research and development works for agricultural development and extension;

(b) the details of the said expenditure during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether various committees have recommended the expenditure of at least one percent of GDP for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the names of the said committees alongwith actions taken for the implementation of the recommendation of the said committees?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) The percentage of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product (AGDP) with reference to Revised Estimate of DARE/ICAR was 0.32 per cent during 2002-03, 0.30 per cent during 2003-04.

(b) The Department has incurred Rs.680.56 crore under Plan and Rs.651.80 crore under Non-Plan during 2002-03; Rs.701.33 crore under Plan and Rs.703.23 crore under Non-Plan during 2003-04 and Rs.825.01 crore under Plan and Rs.776.01 crore under Non-Plan during 2004-05. The figures for 2004-05 are provisional as the finalisation of Annual Accounts for the year 2004-05 is in process.

(c) & (d): The Ninth and Tenth Plan Working Groups constituted by the Planning Commission and Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture have recommended that at least one per cent of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product should be spent on Agriculture Research, Extension and Education. The Department is approaching continuously the Planning Commission for the enhancement in allocation on the lines of the said recommendation.